



# HAWK HEADLINER

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## THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE: WE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE!

Last night I listened to the State of the Union address by our president. While I suppose a speech like that is more appropriate for the beginning of our year, I thought I would share a bit of a "State of the School" address.

I am pleased to report that the state of our school is excellent. Many programs that we have had in place are continuing. Our Kindergarten students who struggle with reading are receiving extra help with a mid day program. Our 1st through 3rd grade students receive before school help in reading through the Reaching FAR (Family Achievement in Reading) program. This year we have completed our program to provide services in reading to all students who need assistance in grades 4 through 8 through a program called "Soar to Success"

In math your students are receiving intensive high level math instruction using the new district math program. This program is aligned to state standards and sets high expectations for

our students. You may have noticed that your student is feeling more challenged this year than last by this accelerated program.

Just today, several of our upper grade teachers are beginning to prepare our students for state assessments and meeting the states high standards using a program called "Focus on Achievement". This program is being implemented in grades 4 through 6 in the Language Arts area.

Finally, we are in the process of ordering a computer based program that we believe will encourage your students to read more and better books. It is called Accelerated Reader. While this may take some time to fully implement, I think your children will greatly benefit from this new technology.



## Dates of Interest

- 2/3-2/13 Candy Gram Sales Fund-raiser for 6th grade Science Camp
- 2/10 Lincoln's Birthday Holiday
- 2/11 FHEA Parent Group Mtg @ 6:30
- 2/13 Site Based Management @ 3:45
- 2/14 Candy Grams Delivery/Buddy Pictures-Solaris Planetarium Assemblies (all day)
- 2/17 President's Day Holiday
- 2/24 Awards Assemblies
- 2/26 "Wacky Wednesday" - Wacky Hair Day
- 2/27 "February Follies" Dinner and Show





## SCIENCE FAIR IS IN THE AIR

The FHES Science Fair will be held on March 6, 2003 from 6:00 – 7:00 PM (projects are due on March 3). Students will receive a project proposal sheet when they turn in their interest sheet. The student proposal must be approved by the teacher before the student begins the project. Please read your guidelines and information carefully. If after reviewing your information you have any question please leave a message for Mrs. Mann or Mrs. Winchell, our Science Fair co-ordinators. Students, don't delay on your project and have fun!

All students at Friendly Hills Elementary are invited to participate in our Science Fair. Many students enjoy simply displaying their projects without becoming involved in the competition. There are four project categories.

- ⇒ Collections – Which demonstrate classification skills.
- ⇒ Demonstrations – Which shows how something works.
- ⇒ Original inventions – Something invented by the student
- ⇒ Experiments – A scientific investigation using the scientific method.



## News from the Library -

Happy New Year to all!

The Newbery award is given annually by the Children's and School Librarians division of the American Library Association. The award is presented to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children, published during the preceding year. The medal is named for John Newbery, a famous 18th century publisher and seller of children's books. The first Newbery Medal was presented in 1922 and the 2002 medal has been given to Linda Sue Park for the book A Single Shard.



In 1937, a second annual medal was suggested for the artist who had created the most distinguished picture book of the year. It was named in honor of Randolph J. Caldecott, a 19th century illustrator. In 2002, the medal was presented to David Wiesner for The Three Little Pigs.

Our students are enjoying all of the Newbery and Caldecott books that Friendly Hills has to offer. Keep an eye out for those specially labeled books as you peruse the library and book store shelves. They have a beautiful silver or gold award seal on the book jacket. Enjoy!

*To the world you may just be  
someone, but to someone, you may  
be the world.*

*Anonymous*

### The Paddington Pal winners for December are:

Brandon Durnal – Mr. Bogner's 6th grade  
Nicole Durnal-Chartrand – Mrs. Reed's 5th grade  
Breanna Easley – Mrs. Dempsey's 4th grade  
Lauren Schmelling – Mrs. Mann's 3rd grade  
Matt Davis – Mrs. Bernardini's 2nd grade  
Caleb Norman – Mrs. Winchell's 1st grade

### The Paddington Pal winners for January are:

Kayla Gunn – Mrs. Strader's 6th grade  
Lloyd Clark – Mr. Chambliss's 5th grade  
Felicia McChristian – Mrs. Friedman's 4th grade  
Alexia Garcia – Mrs. Tilson's 3rd grade  
Leslie Luna – Ms. Subriar's 2nd grade  
Shania Fleig – Mrs. Mitz's 1st grade

Until next month...Paddington and Mrs. K. signing off!



# Friendly Hills Elementary Association

The Friendly Hills Elementary Association is our school's parent organization. Parent organizations are often known by acronyms such as PTA or PTO. We are FHEA. Our purpose is to support the important work that our teachers and students are doing here at school. We support this in a number of ways through our time and our ideas.

Please continue to save soup labels and box-tops for education. We have a wonderful parent collecting, counting and mailing these in for us. We have over 20,000 soup labels in our account with "Campbell's"...isn't that amazing? As we "bank" our labels, we can save for books, computer software and playground equipment.

Join us for our "February Follies" Dinner and Show on Thursday, February 27 at 6:00 pm. It promises to be a fun night of entertainment and good food. See you all there!!!

We encourage all parents to participate in this organization. Over the years many positive things have been brought to this school through the work of this ongoing group. Each year the make up of our group changes as new members join. The leadership of the group also changes. We are very interested in having you participate with us.

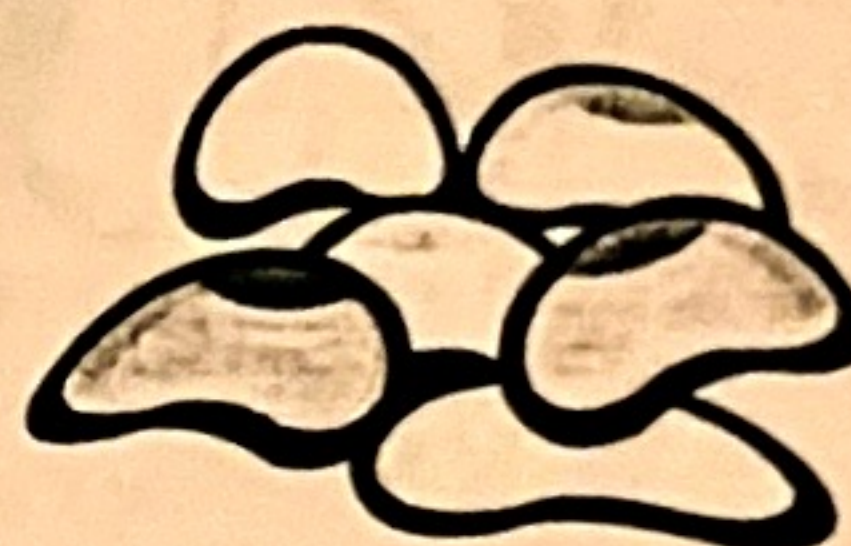
Our meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month in our library. The next parent group meeting will be February 11 at 6:30 pm.

## Candy Grams...



From Feb 3-13, our sixth graders will have their annual candy-gram sale before school and during lunch recess. Students will be able to purchase candy-grams for 25 cents each, write a special message and have them delivered to their friends and teachers on Valentine's Day, February 14. Parents are welcome to come into the office and purchase these to

be delivered to their children. The money will be used to help pay for 6th grade Science Camp.



Lincoln's and  
President's Day Holidays

There will be

**NO SCHOOL on**

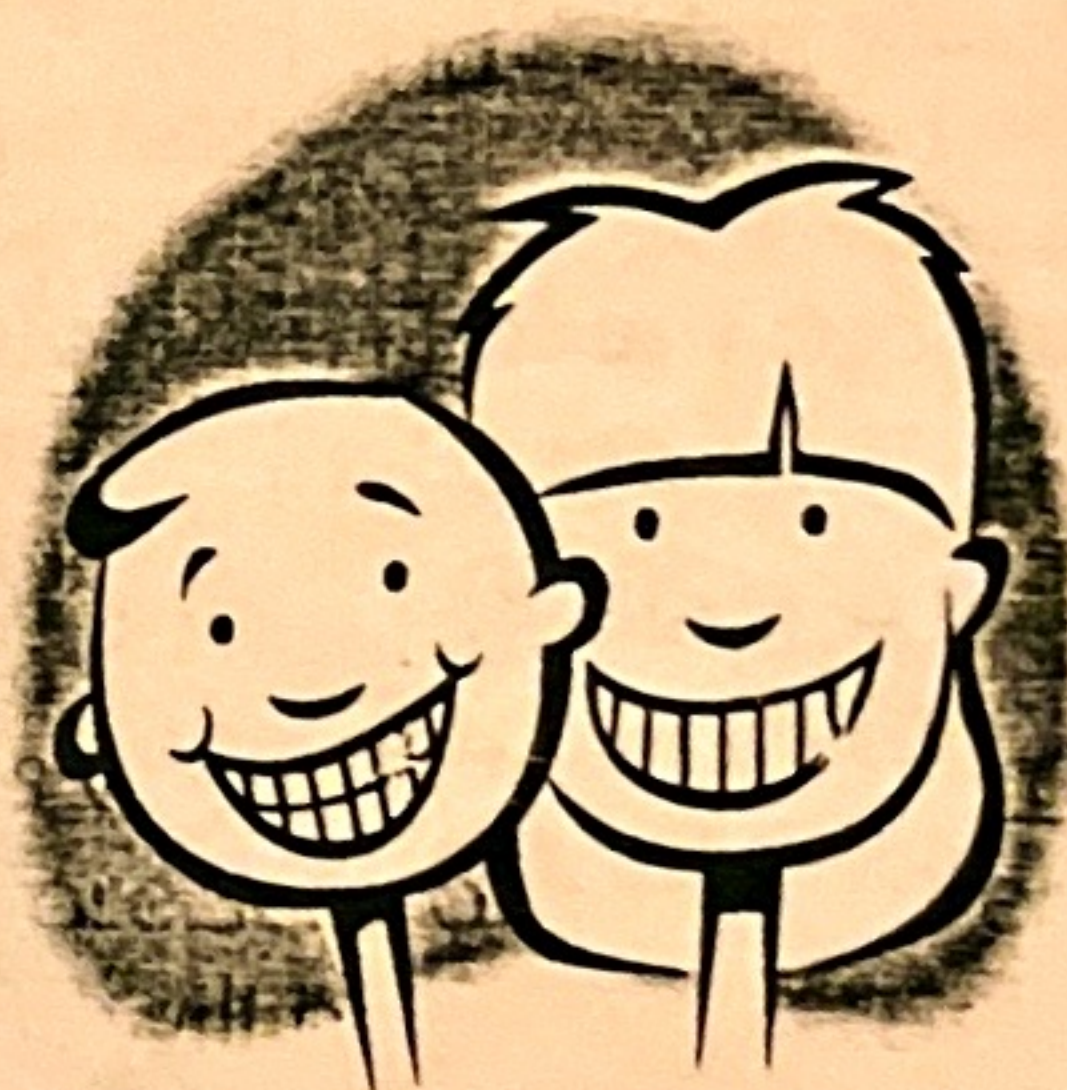
**Monday, Feb. 10 and**

**Monday, Feb 17**

## Make Up Work Reminder-

Our teachers love to assist in any way they can, including supplying assignments if your child is ill. However, their day is full with the job of educating those children who are present. Thank you for understanding, that when your child is absent, a 24-hour notice is needed for a teacher to provide make up assignments.

## Buddy Pictures



On Friday, February 14, the sixth grade class will also sponsor "Buddy Pictures". Your child can have a picture taken with their favorite "buddy". The price is \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00. These will be digital pictures in a card stock frame. Checks can be made payable to FHEA sixth grade.

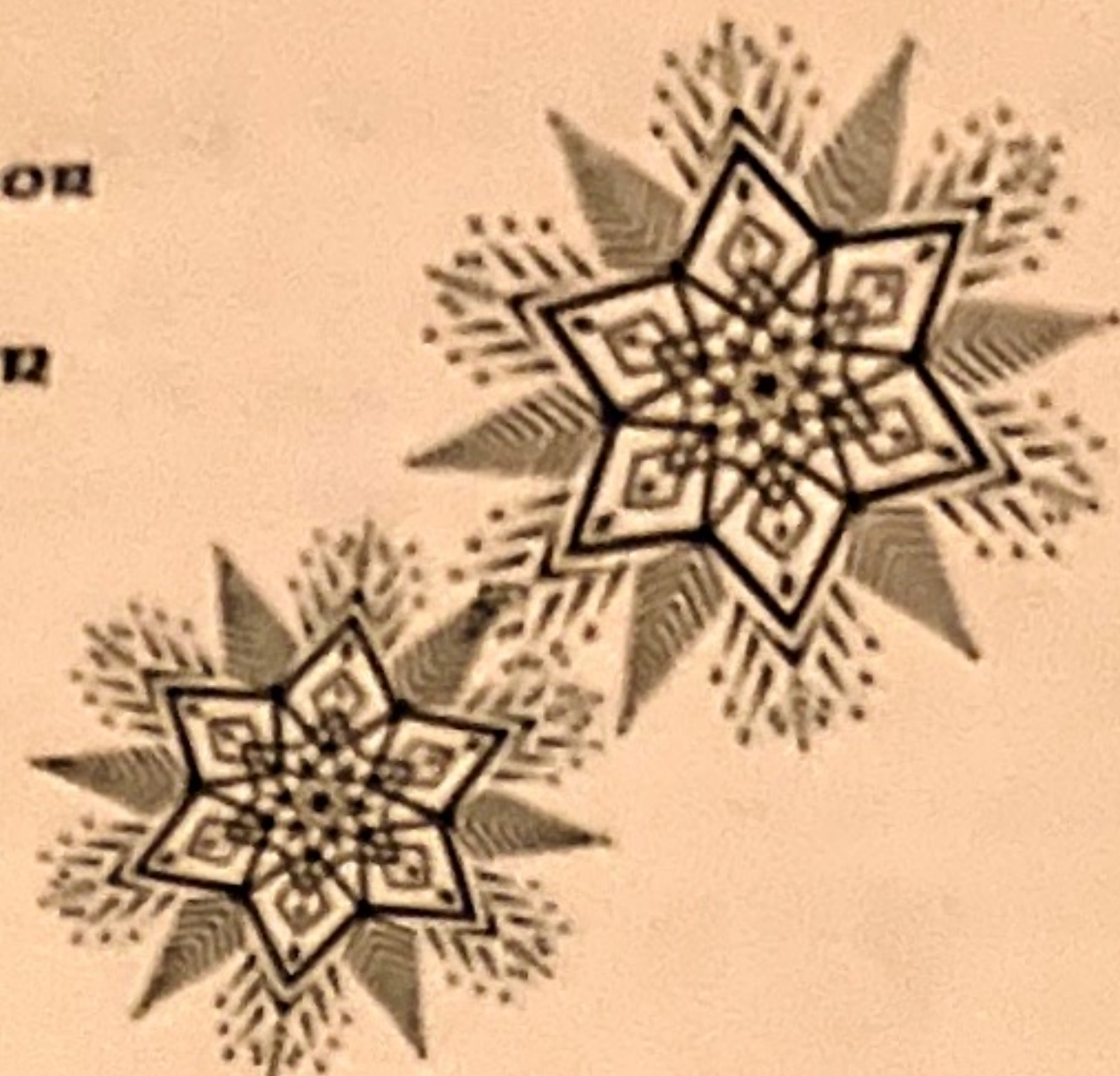


# SOME "CHILLY" WRITING by Mrs. Mitz's first grade class ...



## Winter...by Adalanna O'Connor

It snows in winter. In winter time, Papa and I kicked the snowman. I tried to kick a snowman in Redding. Papa drove to the snow.



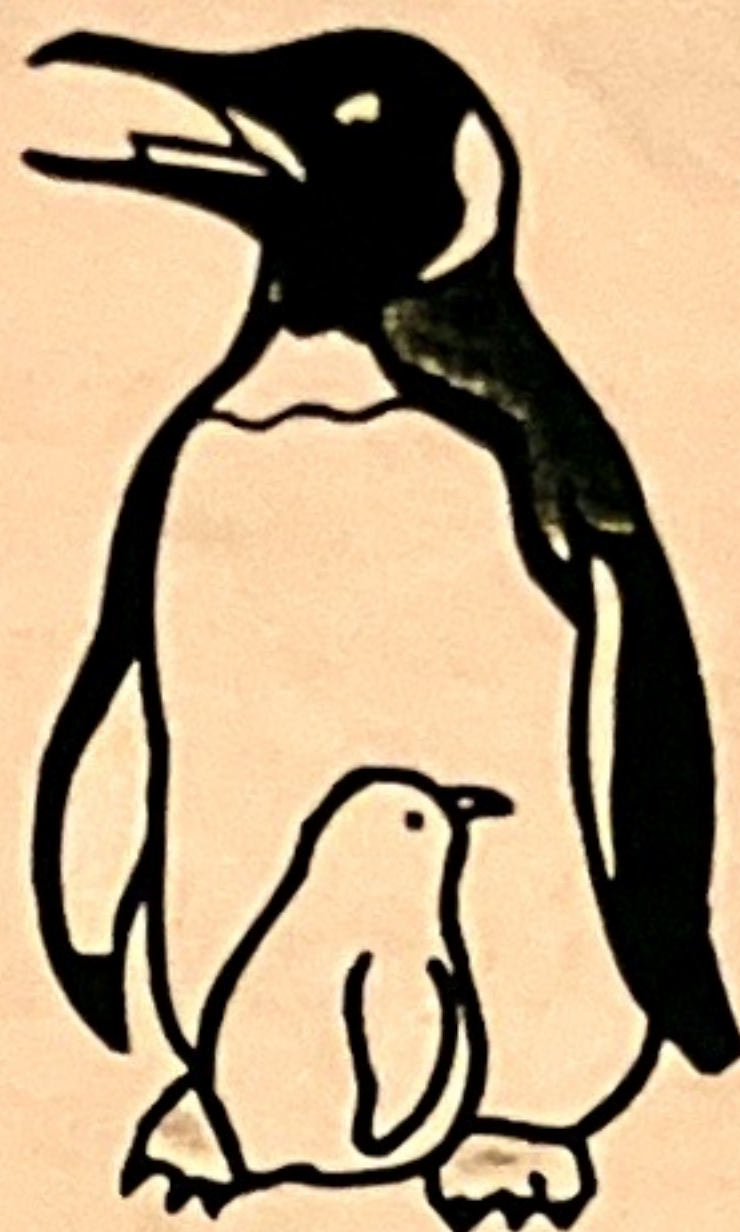
by Jack Ingram

## All About Penguins...

The father watches the baby. The Emperor penguins are 4 feet tall. Their enemies are the killer whales, fur seals and gulls. Penguins can't fly but they are birds.

by Chrisy Miller

There are 18 different kinds of penguins. Penguins live in Antarctica. They are birds but they can't fly. They regurgitate food to feed their babes.



by Sage Smith

Penguins live in Antarctica. There are 18 different kinds of penguins. Penguins eat fish. The littlest is the fairy penguins. Penguins are cool.



## Polar Bears...

by Courtney Yakutis

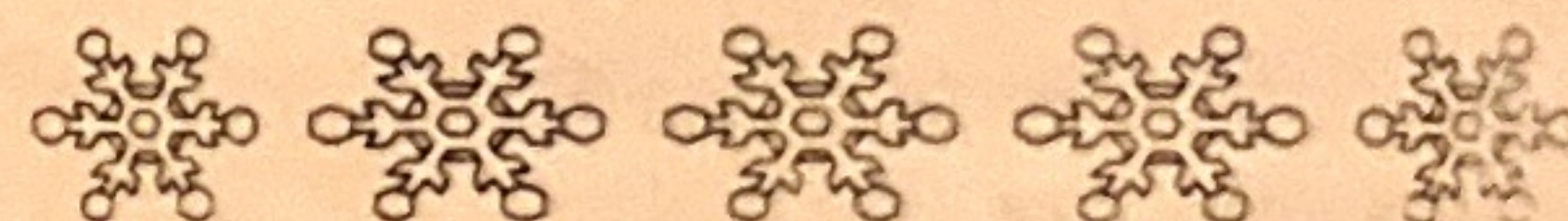
There are 18 different kinds of penguins. They eat krill and fish. They are birds but they do not fly. The father watches the babies. The littlest penguins are called fairy penguins. I hope I see one some day.

by Max Tree

Polar bears weigh 1000 pounds and are the largest meat eaters on land. Polar bears have paws the size of dinner plates. They use camouflage by having white fur.

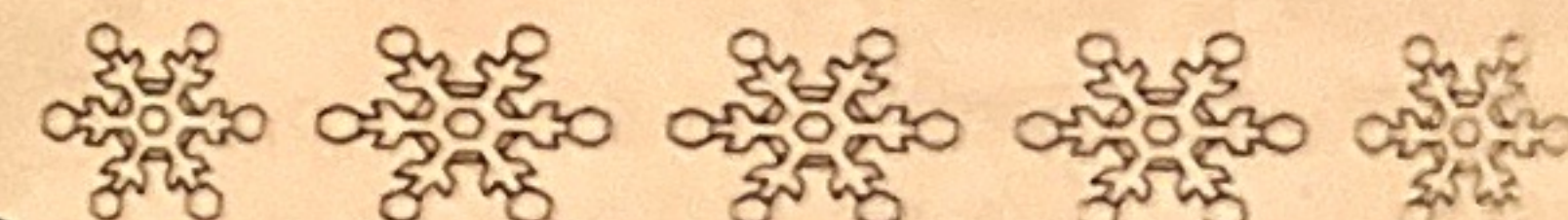
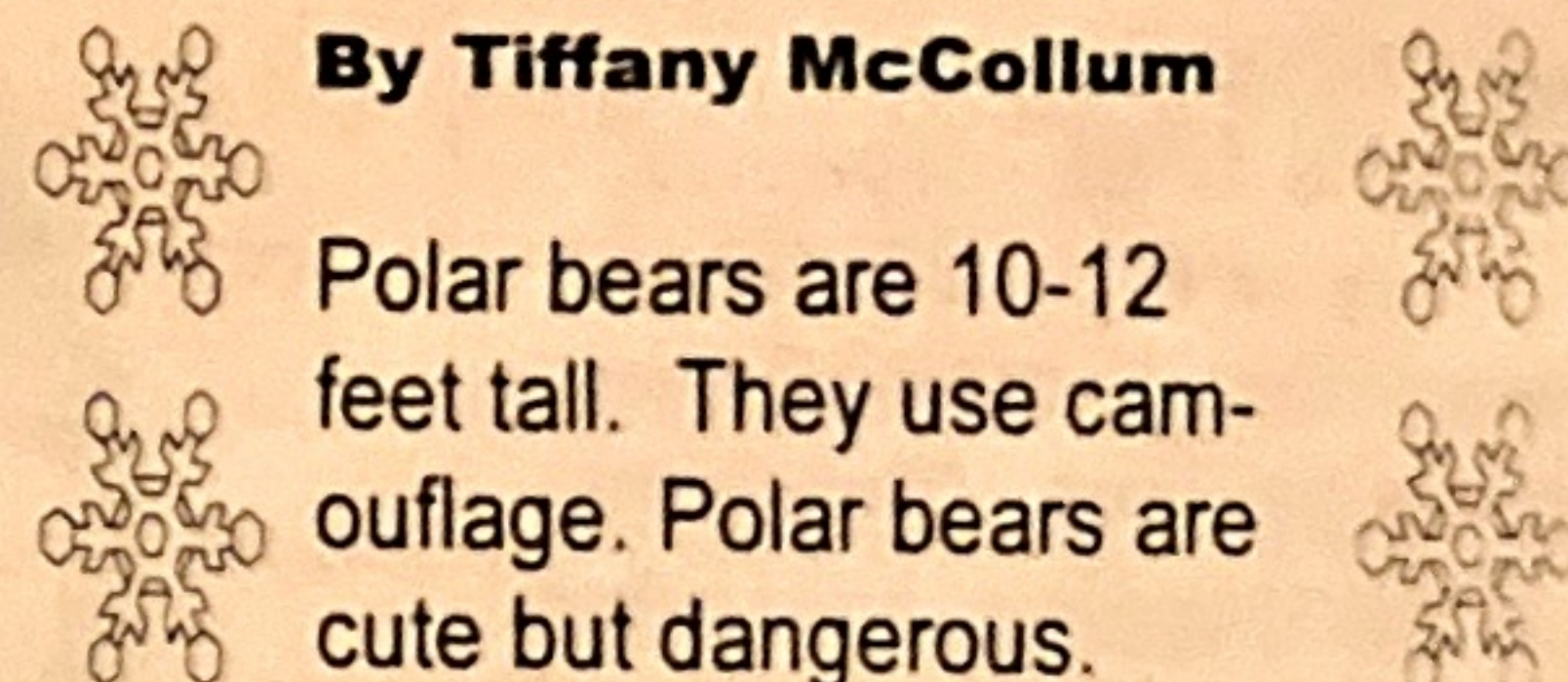
by Shania Fleig

The polar bears are the largest animals on land. They are 10-12 feet tall. There are 20,000 left. Polar bears eat sells. I am scared of polar bears.



By Tiffany McCollum

Polar bears are 10-12 feet tall. They use camouflage. Polar bears are cute but dangerous.





## *Pieces of Eight* by Mrs. Reed's fifth grade writers (A story prompt comes first with students writing the ending)

Ann had read every pirate book and story in the school library. She was even teased about it by a group of boys who told her, "A girl can't be a pirate!" They stopped making fun when she showed them the book about Anne Bonney, a real woman pirate from the 1700's. When Ann read this book, she was convinced she was somehow related to Anne Bonney. She even began adding an "e" to the end of her name on all her school papers. Yes, she told herself her name was the same as a pirate's, her grandparents had always lived on the coast, they didn't like talking about their family's past, and then there was one other tiny piece of evidence. Just last week she had found an old wooden box buried in the sand by the northeast corner of her grandparents' house.....



A thought suddenly popped into my mind. What if it was Anne Bonney's treasure chest! I had to find out, if it was I could be related to her! I decided to go and dig up the chest tomorrow, just as the sun came up.

I opened my tired eyes the next morning only to see the sun's beautiful colors filling the sky. The sun was rising, I was late! I rushed to my closet and threw on a pair of jeans and a tank top. I rushed to the beach near my grandma's house. I jogged to the spot where I had dug up the chest and began clawing at the remaining dirt on the chest. I carefully pulled the heavy oak chest from the hole. It felt like it weighed a thousand pounds! Then I saw something I never thought I would see in my lifetime! On the top of the chest in fancy script was the name, "Anne Bonney". I began jumping for joy. Then my thoughts went back to the treasure chest. I noticed a large old fashioned key hole in the chest. What key would fit in that hole? Then I remembered the old fashioned key grandma gave me. I ripped it from its ribbon and placed it in the key hole. I turned it slowly, and the lock clicked! I slowly lifted the lid to the chest, and stared amazed at what was there. In the chest sat millions of gold coins! I picked one up, and to my surprise the gold came off! They were only chocolate coins, and it looked to me like Anne Bonney was a chocolate pirate!

*by Renee Robertson*

She was so excited that she dug it up with her bare hands. She hastily scraped away the bits of dirt which revealed a rusted brass lock with a small old fashion keyhole.

Inscribed in the brass was one name... Anne Bonney.

I was shocked. I couldn't believe there was an actual treasure chest from Anne Bonney the pirate in my own backyard! The only problem was there was no key to be found. I decided to keep the box a secret from my parents so I waited until late at night, after my parents had gone to bed, to take it inside. I slipped on my jacket and tiptoed outside. Carefully I dragged the box inside my room. Trying to make the least noise possible I shoved it into my closet, and went to bed. That night I dreamt about what could be in the box...Maybe treasure, or a secret treasure map. I couldn't wait to find out.

In the morning I was faced with a problem, how to find the key. I knew my mom kept all her keys in a little embroidered box (at least the ones she doesn't use everyday) so I figured that if we had it, it would be in there. I quietly slipped into my mom and dad's room.



I found the box nestled in a heap of my parents' belongings. I unlatched the tab that held it closed. Hastily, I dug through all the keys. There were rusted keys, square keys, keys with holes. Finally, taped to the bottom of the box, was a small golden key with two prongs at it's top. I stuffed all the other keys back into the box, and took the one I needed.

I raced into my room, threw open my closet, and slid the key into the lock. It turned perfectly. The old rusty hinges squeaked as I lifted the lid from the chest. I blew the thick layer of dust from the contents. Under the dust was a map. Not just any map, a treasure map.

To be continued...



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*Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.*

Look for our school website at  
the following web site:  
[morongo.k12.ca.us/schools/morhe](http://morongo.k12.ca.us/schools/morhe)

## Our Story

*Friendly Hills Elementary was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 4000 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated from high school in the year 2000. We are confident that those students and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong, well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.*

## SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a decision making body within the school. This

*School Based  
Management is  
interested in parents  
willing to serve next  
year. Please contact  
Mr. Blanding*

committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

At our last meeting, the committee began to address the pending budget crisis that is facing all schools in California. We did

some shifting of money to allow us to make it through this year. We identified the essential items that were part of our site plan and initiated their purchase.

Finally, we put a spending freeze on all non-essential purchases in order to make sure that we did not have to cut any of

our effective programs that help our students.

The next two to three years will be difficult times financially for this and all public schools in the state. It is times like these that we need a solid School Based Management team to steer us through tough financial times with solid decision making. So far the committee is doing a great job at sorting out what is essential to retain and putting aside enough money to continue these programs for the foreseeable future. Too bad some of our elected leaders aren't as forward thinking as our School Based Management Council.







# January Awards

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	Matthew Davis	Savannah Gurney	Sierra Butler	Alex Robinson
Mr. Bogner	<b>Mean</b> Melissa Cosner	Scott Bogner	Sean Dittmer	Brittany Bastic
Mrs. Candelaria	T.J. Hannah	Spencer Spann	Cody O'Neil	Kylie Howell
Mr. Chambless	Christy Bigornia	Amber Petersen	Lloyd Clark	Taylor Russe
Mrs. Dempsey	Cassie Brohamer	Jacob Montejano	Justice Izer	Labreise Smith
Mrs. Friedman	Brittany Hocker	Brittney Candelaria	Krista Blevins	Frederick Compton
Mr. Hesse	Samuel O'Melia	Angelica Villeme	Emily Kennedy	Parker Howard
Mrs. Hesse	Lexy Sanders	Jodey Sifford	Kati Shaffer	Mayetta Martel
Ms. Hodges	Shelby Sanden	Jake Bigornia	Matthew Benke	Sturgis Asher
Mrs. Mann	Jeffrey Richards	Brandon McEachern	Victor Molina	Chase Clevenger
Mrs. Mitz	Jasmine Moore	Shania Fleig	Tyler Johnson	Christina Miller
Mrs. Reed	Sierra Smith	Nicole Durnal-Chartrand	Nick Aguilar	Joshua Line
Mrs. Seacat	Ryan Plenert	Ronny Smith	Carrington Carper	Caitlyn Morris
Mrs. Strader	Shanteal Nazario-Gaffney	Jessica Reyes	Justin Nagy	Devin Coburn
Ms. Subriar	Cody Waldrop	Iony Coleo	Tayanna Ahumada	Madeline Aiken
			Chris Porro	Michael Klear
Mrs. Tilson	Megan Tree	Katelynn Hannah	Aliciaann Horner	Savanna King
Ms. Williams	Jordan Serna		Gabriel Robertson	Adrian Garcia
Mrs. Winchell	Sarah Blevins	Emery Mello	Jose Lucero	Sarah Byrne



# perfect Attendance

## 2nd Quarter

### Mrs. Bernardini (2)

Carly Fauls  
Jordan Fisher  
Winter Howard  
Randee Langley  
Dylan Masterson

### Mr. Bogner (6)

Brittany Bostic  
Wayne Bryant  
Lauryn Compton  
Ryan Fleischman  
Joshua Ghiloni  
Mauricio Montejano  
Kai-Lee Rhodes  
Dustin Wortham

### Mrs. Candelaria (K)

Mikayla Aguilar  
Colby Compton  
Aubrey Wolfe

### Mr. Chambless (5)

Karissa Lowry  
Myles Meza  
Mitchell Nilan  
Amber Petersen

### Mrs. Dempsey (4)

David Brake  
Cassandra Brohamer  
Gabriel Castor-Ekwall  
Jonathon Davis  
Quynten Pio

### Mrs. Friedman (4)

Grace Bogner  
Jenna Fisher  
Pamela Johnson  
Sarah Mummey  
Domenic Pasqualicchio  
Melissa Phelps

### Mr. Hesse (1)

Erick McPherson  
Amanda Reilly

### Mrs. Hesse (K)

Dylan Cosner  
Alexys Sanders

### Mrs. Mann (3)

Chase Clevenger  
Natasha McPherson  
Jeffrey Richards  
Marc Salomon

### Mrs. Mikschl (7)

(Junior High is for the full semester)

Kourtney Chinen  
Dakota Westlake  
Cameron Wilson

### Mrs. Mitz (1)

Christian Kahrs  
Elise Kelley  
Tiffany McCollum  
Jasmine Moore  
Terren Zanella

### Mrs. Reed (5)

Cody Gunn  
Ashlev Johnson  
Sean Martel  
Priscilla Richards  
Ryan Rogers  
Michelle Tuthill

### Mr. Reed (8)

(Junior High is for the full semester)

Eric Hanson  
Joshua Morcilio  
Jesicah Velasquez

### Mrs. Seacat (K)

Carrington Carper  
Joseph Colegio  
Caitlin Morris  
Isaac Parker  
Rhyann Prekop

### Mrs. Strader (6)

Yvette Castaneda  
Kayla Gunn  
Ashlev Malone  
Nathaniel McPherson  
Nathan Palmer  
Cheyenne Westlake

### Ms. Subriar (2)

Anthony Colegio  
Corey Petersen

### Mrs. Tilson (3)

Ryan Fauls  
Erik McClay

### Mrs. Winchell (2)

Caleb Norman



# FEBRUARY, 2003

Be Mine

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Fri



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<p>Admin Council for Kevin @ TPES 8-noon</p> <p>Candygram Sales (Sixth Grade Fundraiser)</p>	<p>Grade Level Mtgs. (3) @ 9:40 (6) @ 10:40 (5) @ 12:45 (2) @ 2:40</p> <p>Girls Basketball @ LCMS 2:15 Curriculum Calibration @ 3:45</p> <p>Boys Basketball @ LCMS 2:15</p>	<p>Grade Level Mtgs. (4) @ 8:30 (1) @ 2:40</p> <p>Valentine's Day (Candygrams Delivered)</p> <p>Starlab Planetarium Assembly (All Day - Per Schedule)</p>	<p>Chinese New Year</p>	<p>Grade Level Mtgs. (3) @ 9:40 (6) @ 10:40 (5) @ 12:45 (2) @ 2:40</p> <p>Girls Basketball @ LCMS 2:15 Curriculum Calibration @ 3:45</p> <p>Boys Basketball @ LCMS 2:15</p>	<p>Grade Level Mtgs. (4) @ 8:30 (1) @ 2:40</p> <p>Valentine's Day (Candygrams Delivered)</p> <p>Starlab Planetarium Assembly (All Day - Per Schedule)</p>	<p>Grade Level Mtgs. (4) @ 8:30 (1) @ 2:40</p> <p>Valentine's Day (Candygrams Delivered)</p> <p>Starlab Planetarium Assembly (All Day - Per Schedule)</p>	<p>Chinese New Year</p>
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Hugs and Kisses



# Free McDonald's treats are in the cards

If your report card is something to smile about,  
it could be worth free food at McDonald's.®  
If the grades are all A's or O's, you will receive  
a free Happy Meal!

If the grades are all A's and B's or O's and S's  
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Children must be present with their report card.

Children grades K-6 are eligible.

Offer good through June 30, 2003.

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